

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Submitted with this Amendment are replacement sheets of drawing figures to provide proper cross-hatching for the button 71. While reviewing the drawing figures, it was noted that changes in the cross-hatching for the features identified by reference numerals "59", "67" and "68" in Figs. 4, 5 and 12 should also be made. The replacement sheets of drawing figure also include changes to correct those matters.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Scott for the indication that Claims 1-4 would be allowable if amended to address several issues relating to the claim wording.

To address the concerns about the claim wording, submitted with this Amendment are amended versions of Claims 1-4. Also, new Claims 5-8 are presented for consideration. For the most part, the amended version of Claim 1 defines many of the same features as originally claimed, but in a slightly different manner intended to address the concerns raised in the Official Action. For example, the claim has been amended to recite that the base member is comprised of a cover and a main body, and then later defines features of the push switch relative to the main body. Also, the language at the end of the claim has been changed slightly to define in a different manner the way in which the operating force is transmitted from the switch button.

Also, the wording in dependent Claims 2-4 has been changed in minor respects to improve the readability of the claims and avoid awkward claim wording.

In light of the changes to Claims 1-4, withdrawal of the claim rejection based on the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Submitted with this Amendment are five replacement sheets of drawing figures including Figs. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 14. These five sheets of replacement drawing figures replace the same five sheets of original drawing figures including Figs. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 14. The replacement sheets of drawing figures include changes to Figs. 1, 13 and 14 to provide proper cross-hatching for the button "71". In addition, Fig. 4 has been amended to provide proper cross-hatching for the resin 59 and the resin 67, Fig. 5 has been amended to provide proper cross-hatching for the resin 59 and Fig. 12 has been amended to provide proper cross-hatching for the switch cap 68.

Replacement Sheets